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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 3312

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SUBJECT: NEPAL RECOGNIZES NEW AFGHAN REGIME

REF: (A) KATHMANDU 3174 (NOTAL, (B) KATHMANDU 3155

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. RSS (OFFICIAL GON NEWS AGENCY)
REPORTS THAT AS OF AUGUST 1 NEPAL HAS RECOGNIZED NEW
REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. COMMUNIQUE SAYS
NEPAL EXTENDED ITS RECOGNITION AT REQUEST OF NEW AFGHAN
GOVERNMENT AND ADDS THAT GON BELIEVES: "FRIENDLY RELATIONS
HAPPILY EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO
BE MAINTAINED."
2. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. STEP IS NEITHER SURPRISING NOR
UNEXPECTED. AS EARLY AS JULY 23 SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL
TOLD ME NEPAL HAD TO "FACE REALITIES" (REF B). THUS,
RECOGNITION WAS BASICALLY A MATTER OF WHEN RATHER THAN
WHETHER.
3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. NATURE OF GON CONCERN WAS DESCRIBED
IN REF. B. SINCE MY TALK WITH FONMIN KARKI (REF A), I
HAVE ALSO HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH CHIRAN THAPA, PALACE
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ADVISER TO KING ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND AGAIN WITH FONMIN

JOINT SECRETARY SHARDUL RANA (MEMCONS BEING POUCHED). MY ABILITY TO PROVIDE REASONABLY CANDID AND INFORMATIVE BRIEFINGS, BASED ON EXCELLENT RESPONSES BY ADDRESSEES TO OUR APPEAL IN REF B, WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND APPEARS TO HAVE REINFORCED GROWING CONFIDENCE ON PART OF GON LEADERSHIP IN US AS SOURCE OF HELPFUL AND DISINTERESTED COUNSEL AND INFORMATION ON SUCH EXTERNAL MATTERS OF CRITICAL CONCERN WHERE GON'S ABILITY OBTAIN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS IS LIMITED.
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